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ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP

Robert E. Proctor, chairman of the Committee on Membership of the Indiana State Bar Association, began a drive for new members on February 10th. President Pickens pointed out at the annual meeting last July that we then had somewhat over fifteen hundred members while there were approximately three thousand lawyers in the state. Since then the membership has increased so that now more than half of all the lawyers in Indiana are members of the State Bar Association. Perhaps it is fair to say that a certain per cent. of those who are not members of the association are in fact lawyers of such limited interests or such lack of professional standing that they would hardly be eligible for membership in any case. All of the other lawyers in Indiana, however, who are not now members of the association, should join during the current year. The fee for membership is purely nominal and no member is in any way embarrassed because he does not take part in the bar association activities beyond the free dictates of his own choice.

The interests of every lawyer in the state are advanced by the efforts of the State Bar Association in increasing the prestige of the profession generally. It is only through such organized efforts that the lawyers of the state can hope to serve the people and to advance their own professional interests.

The membership committee is now actively engaged in its campaign. This campaign will continue until the annual meeting next summer. At this meeting it is hoped that the chairman of the membership committee will be able to announce that every reputable lawyer in Indiana is a member of the Indiana State Bar Association. In some jurisdictions the bar

is organized as a matter of statute and the State Bar Association is an organ of the state government. In Indiana, as in most jurisdictions, the voluntary kind of bar organization is preferred. It would be a splendid thing if all the lawyers in the state could voluntarily work together for the advancement of their high calling in the administration of justice.

ANNUAL MEETING

Joel A. Baker, secretary of the State Bar Association, has sent out letters of inquiry to all the members requesting among other things that they indicate their preference as to the time and place for holding the annual meeting next summer. The Board of Managers is anxious to learn what the members prefer in these matters to the end that the annual meeting may be held at such time and place as will meet the greatest convenience of the largest number. As soon as the answers to this inquiry have been properly analyzed the Board of Managers will announce the tentative plans for the annual meeting. Mr. Baker especially requests that all members send in their answers at their earliest convenience.